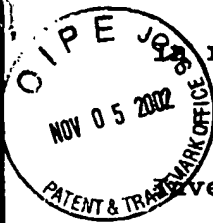


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REQUEST FOR REFUND

Honorable Commissioner of
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Sir:

The Applicant in this application has previously established that it is a small entity. A new claims fee was paid on October 15, 2002 at the large entity rate.

Accordingly, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26 and MPEP 509.03, IX, the Applicant hereby requests a refund in the amount of \$234.00 to offset the overpayment made on October 15, 2002.

Please credit the refund to Deposit Account No. 19-4375. Please confirm in writing that our account has been so credited.

Respectfully submitted,

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